

# 49 RAILROADS SIGNED WITH TRAINMEN AND CONDUCTORS; OLD PAY

**New Agreement, Finished at Chicago To-day, Also Includes Old Rules and Working Conditions—Many Subsidiary Lines Affected**

**MAINTENANCE OF WAY WORKERS AWAIT DECISION**

**Railroad Labor Board Indicated That Minimum Scale Ranging from 23 to 35c An Hour Would Be Increased in Forthcoming Order**

Chicago, Oct. 3 (By the Associated Press).—A new agreement maintaining the old rates of pay and rules and working conditions was signed to-day by representatives of approximately 49 railroads and subsidiaries and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors.

The agreement, which will be in effect until Oct. 21, 1923, besides maintaining old wage levels and rules, including time and one-half for overtime after eight hours, was considered by the employees' organizations as favorable to them. Grievance committees of the trainmen's organization on 19 roads entering Chicago had approved the agreement before W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen, and L. E. Sheppard, president of the conductors, affixed their signatures to-day.

The western managers were said to have been mindful of the long unbroken attitude of the train service brotherhoods in living up strictly to their agreements with the railroads and to have made some concessions in the progress of the negotiations which began yesterday.

Under the agreement all disputes pending before the United States labor board will be withdrawn.

To-day's agreement included the principal railroads entering Chicago and traversing territory west of the Mississippi river and with agreements signed with eastern lines, approximately three-fourths of the railroad mileage of the country now has signed up with the trainmen and conductors, Mr. Lee announced.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—Four hundred thousand railroad maintenance of way workers to-day awaited the decision of the United States railroad labor board on their application for increased wages.

In announcing that the order probably would be forthcoming to-day the board gave no advance indication of the scope of its ruling but left a general impression that the minimum scale, ranging from 23 to 35 cents an hour, would be increased.

The wage hearing, which closed yesterday, followed negotiations begun after the truckmen had voted to strike and after the shop crafts had walked out in protest against the July 1 wage cuts.

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## YOUNG MAN SUICIDE

**LEFT FAREWELL NOTE**

Picture of a Pretty Girl Frank Chapman Asked to Be Given to His Father.

Passaic, N. J., Oct. 3.—Frank Chapman, aged 21, shot and killed himself under an oak tree in Clifton, N. J., to-day, leaving a note saying: "Love to all the family and to my sweetheart for whom I did not shoot myself, but for someone else."

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**MAINE MAN WON**

The Lindsay Crawford Scholarship in Harvard.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 3.—Harvard university announced to-day that Richard H. Field of Phillips, Me., had won the Lindsay Crawford memorial scholarship, established last winter.

Field is a freshman. He was nominated by the trustees of Phillips Exeter academy. The stipend consists of the income, up to \$400 on a fund of \$5,000.

Robert L. Guyon, a French student of chemistry and biology, has been named as this year's holder of the Fisk scholarship, annually awarded to a student of French nationality.

**RAISED A BANK NOTE.**

New York Man Sentenced in Boston to Two and One-Half Years.

Boston, Oct. 3.—A sentence of two and a half years in the federal penitentiary was imposed on Joseph Scopolitti of New York in federal court to-day, after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of having raised the face value of a bank note. The man was arrested in Worcester last June.

## LAWSON IS MISSING;

**NO ALARM IS FELT**

His Associates Do Not Believe That Ill Has Befallen Ex-Financier.

Boston, Oct. 3.—Thomas W. Lawson, the former financier whose fortunes have suffered the latest fall in a fluctuating career, was missing to-day. Those associated with him said they had no reason to believe that ill had befallen him, but suggested that the decision to sell his Dreamworld estate to satisfy his debts had hit him rather hard and that he had probably decided to go somewhere for a short time to be alone. His health had not been of the best recently.

Horace T. Fogg, one of Mr. Lawson's trustees, said he did not think that his principal was ill. He suggested that he might have decided to go to Oregon where his daughter, Mrs. Henry McCull, is living.

Mr. Lawson, still a debonair figure in his sixty-fifth year, went several weeks ago to Southwest Harbor, Me., to stay with his sister, Miss Mary Lawson. Dreamworld, its great house and outlying lands, built to satisfy a wish of his wife, became lonely and then a financial burden, and he left to live with his sister for a time. Last Saturday night the word went out that he was selling Dreamworld to get money to meet his debts. Sunday night he phoned from Southwest Harbor to ask how the public took the news. Yesterday he left, saying he was not certain where he would go. He has not been heard from since.

It was thought he might go direct to Dreamworld, but inquires there to-day were told by the trustees who are preparing the place for sale on the auction block, that they had no word of Mr. Lawson's whereabouts. He has maintained offices at Young's hotel in this city for years, with a secretary in charge, and there also it was stated that there was no information from the chief.

**COUSINS ON TRIAL.**

For Murder of His Wife at Westbrook, Me.

Portland, Me., Oct. 3.—Samuel L. Cousins was placed on trial in the superior court to-day for the murder of his wife at Westbrook on April 17 last after a plea, by his counsel, of not guilty by reason of insanity.

Cousins was brought back from the Augusta state hospital early this month when a report was received from Dr. F. C. Tyson, superintendent of the hospital, where he had been under observation for several months, that he was not insane, in the physician's opinion.

Cousins' left hand was bandaged and his arm in a sling. He is still nursing a wound on his wrist, alleged to have been made by him with a razor when his wife was shot to death in the home of her parents.

## KLEPTOMANIAC SENTENCED.

Sophie Kapistan of Proctor Gets Six Months Term.

Rutland, Oct. 3.—Sophie Kapistan of Proctor, age 19 years, pleaded guilty yesterday in Rutland city court to the charge of grand larceny and was sentenced by Judge Leonard F. Wing to serve not less than six months nor more than five years sentence at River-side reformatory there. She had stolen from various stores and from individuals here, money, hardware, clothing and jewelry to the amount of over \$100, being taken.

Richard Murphy of Middletown Springs was before the court yesterday on the charge of operating a still of wash boiler type. He admitted his guilt and was placed on suspended sentence of six months to a year.

## VICTIM OF IMAGINATION.

Frank Romano Released in Simboli Murder Case.

Boston, Oct. 3.—Frank Romano, an East Boston fisherman, arrested in Lynn yesterday for questioning as to the murder of Joseph Simboli, black hand leader, here last Saturday, was at liberty to-day. Inspectors who questioned Romano said that the recent activities of the black hand in this city had worried the man and that he imagined himself a mark for gangsters. He was released last night.

## REED GREATEST STATESMAN.

Said Senator Walsh in Commending His Missouri Colleague.

Liberty, Mo., Oct. 3.—Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, chairman of the Democratic national senatorial committee, speaking last night in behalf of the candidacy of Senator James C. Reed for re-election, denounced the "predatory and trust-wrecking Republican administration" and declared Reed to be the greatest statesman in the United States to-day.

## JOBS PERMANENT.

For the 440 B. & M. Shopmen at Concord, N. H.

Concord, N. H., Oct. 3.—It was stated by Boston and Maine officials to-day that 440 of the employees in the railroad shops here who had taken the place of striking shopmen had been informed that their services were satisfactory and that they would be retained as permanent employees. About 700 men left the Concord shops when the strike began last July.

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MUDANIA PARLEY PROBABLY BEGUN

The Withdrawal of Turkish Cavalry Described As Slight

Constantinople, Oct. 3. (By the Associated Press).—The Turkish cavalry has retired from its advanced positions in the Chanak area, decreasing the danger of conflict there.

This withdrawal, which is described in messages from the Dardanelles as slight, was supposed here to be in consequence of word received by the Turks that the Mudania conference was in session. The Turks, however, were said still to be well within the neutral zone.

**ONLY MILITARY MATTERS**

Scheduled to Be Taken Up at Mudania Conference.

Constantinople, Oct. 3. (By the Associated Press).—Only military matters will be taken up at the conference of allied and Turkish nationalist commanders at Mudania to-day, the political aspects of the situation being disposed of at a later meeting, according to M. Franklin-Bouillon, whose recent trip to Smyrna, where he conversed with Mustafa Kemal Pasha, was responsible for the summoning of to-day's conference.

The two most important questions to be discussed to-day, he said, are the demarcation of a new neutral zone on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles and at Ismid, and the evacuation of Thrace. He was confident that an agreement would be reached.

Steps had been taken to have only responsible Turkish representatives at this and the subsequent conferences in order to prevent a recurrence of the repudiation of the agreement made last year with Bekir Sami Bey, then nationalist foreign minister.

"The fact that there is common sense on both sides is the best augury for the success of the meeting," he added. "Naturally many difficult points will arise, but there is no reason why we cannot solve them amicably, as the allies already have pledged to the nationalists altogether legitimate aims."

**TELLS OF WITHDRAWALS.**

Dispatch from Smyrna Says Neutral Zone Is Evacuated.

Paris, Oct. 3.—A Havas dispatch from Smyrna, the Turkish nationalist headquarters, says it is announced the Kemalists have evacuated the neutral zone along the straits of the Dardanelles.

**FEATURE U. S. INTERVENTION.**

London Newspapers Do So in Commenting On Near East Situation.

London, Oct. 3. (By the Associated Press).—Every London newspaper devotes its principal columns to the Mudania conference to-day.

It is not definitely known here how many delegates will attend the conference, but it is stated from some sources, that in addition to the allied and Turkish generals, the conference will include M. Franklin-Bouillon and two Greek military representatives.

Estimates of the probable duration of the meeting differ considerably, some believing it may be over in a few days and others suggesting that days may elapse before a settlement is reached clearing the way for a subsequent peace conference.

In anti-Greek quarters the activities of former premier Venizelos in Paris and London continue to be viewed with the greatest suspicion.

The Daily Express says M. Venizelos has advised the revolutionary government in Athens to agree in principle to the evacuation of Eastern Thrace but to tell the allies that Greece will not evacuate the territory until the powers have decided she shall do so as part of the final peace terms.

The report that the Washington administration is being pressed to intervene in the near eastern situation is given conspicuous publicity and attracts general attention.

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**DUG UP SKELETON AT BRATTLEBORO**

Workmen Excavating for Presbrey-Leland Stopped Made Strange Discovery.

Brattleboro, Oct. 3.—While digging near the site of the Snowflake cannery factory, on Vernon street yesterday, Warren May, an employee of the Presbrey-Leland company, which is putting in the foundation for a granite cutting shed, uncovered a human skeleton about a foot under the surface and about 30 feet from the west bank of the Connecticut river. The bones were partly disintegrated, but the teeth were well preserved.

Selectman W. E. Stellman, State's Attorney Harold E. Whitney and Policeman W. E. Tyler examined the bones and had them taken to Mr. Stellman's machine shop, where it was said an effort would be made to determine whether they were of a white man or an Indian.

**RAGING FOREST FIRES THREATEN VILLAGES**

Fires Which Have Been Burning for Weeks Are Now Fanned by 20-Mile Wind.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 3.—Forest fires raging throughout northern Minnesota the past two weeks were being fanned to-day by a 20-mile wind. More than a dozen villages are endangered. The towns include Ellmore, Cotton, Shaw and Palmer.

**VERMONT BANKS NOT ROBBED.**

During the Past Year Is Report to the American Bankers.

New York, Oct. 3.—Belief that the crime wave is passing so far as the country's banks are concerned was expressed in the report of the protective agencies of the American Bankers' association submitted in convention here to-day. Increased activity and co-operation on the part of the public officers and the courts in bringing about prompt trials and proper penalties for those charged with crimes against the banks were responsible for the better conditions, the report asserted.

There were 406 burglaries or attempted burglaries of member and non-member banks reported in the period between Sept. 1, 1921, and Aug. 31, 1922, in 36 states. No reports of burglaries or attempted burglaries were reported in that period from Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont and a few other states. Total losses from burglaries reported by the banks were given in the report at \$249,302.

Losses from hold-ups reported by 145 member and non-member banks totalled \$905,661 during the period covered. No hold-ups were reported from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Out of a total of 770 arrests in cases under investigation by the association as covered in the report there were 462 convictions obtained and 104 cases awaiting trial.

The rules of the protective committee were broadened, it was announced, to include in its activities the investigations of crimes against officers and employees of member banks engaged in banking business outside the bank's premises.

namely, that the latter be allowed to enter the premises.

Former Premier Venizelos of Greece said to-day that he intended to go to Paris shortly.

The two hour interview the Greek statesman had yesterday with Lord Curzon, the foreign secretary, and Sir Lansing Worthington Evans, the secretary of war, is understood to have been devoted to a plea that the Greeks be permitted to retain eastern Thrace.

## FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM.

Ward Prouty of Newport Is Ordered Re-committed.

Burlington, Oct. 3.—Ward Prouty of Newport eldest son of the late Charles A. Prouty, was yesterday re-committed by Judge Sherman R. Moulton to the Green Mountain sanitarium in this city, where he spent a large part of the summer. Mr. Prouty was first committed to this institution for being an inebriate. He came to the sanitarium early in the summer. In August, attorneys for Mr. Prouty brought a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, claiming that he was being unlawfully detained, before Judge Sherman R. Moulton.

Under the law, it was possible for Judge Moulton to admit Mr. Prouty to bail, pending the decision on the case. This was done, Judge Moulton notified Mr. Prouty's attorneys, who are J. J. Enright and Guy M. Page of this city, that the decision would be given yesterday. Mr. Prouty appeared at the court house and was informed that Judge Moulton had decided that the commitment had been lawful and that he would be re-committed to the institution.

Mr. Prouty will appeal the case to the supreme court, it was announced yesterday. He claims that the law under which he was committed is unconstitutional. The probate court at Newport appointed Frank C. Williams of that city, former last commissioner for Vermont, as guardian for Mr. Prouty.

**MURDER VICTIM'S BODY TO MORRISVILLE**

Frank E. Small, Slain at Dorchester, Mass., Was Native of That Town and Recently Visited There.

Morrisville, Oct. 3.—The body of Frank E. Small, manager of a drug store in Dorchester, Mass., murdered last Friday night by a robber, was later filed with \$150 in money and express money orders, only to be captured, will be brought to-night to his home in this town, and the funeral and burial will be held here.

Mr. Small was the son of Levi Small, who resides on the Randolph road. He was born here Feb. 24, 1875, and was graduated from Peoples academy in 1895, going soon thereafter to Boston, where he engaged in the drug business, being lately manager of a drug store in Dorchester, the place where he was slain.

Only a month ago he visited his native town and attended a Small reunion here, being accompanied by his family.

The deceased leaves his wife, who was Miss Adelle Littlefield of Kennepunk, Me., and one son four years old. He also leaves three brothers, Henry H. and Allen D. Small of Morrisville and Walter L. Small of Concord, Cal. He was well known to many people here.

**200 CULTURES TAKEN.**

Of Persons Exposed to Diphtheria at Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Oct. 3.—Because of the appearance of diphtheria in the Fort Dummer cotton mill, which employs 300 or more hands and the Oakgrove school, which is attended by about 100 pupils, were quarantined yesterday by Dr. Chester S. Leach, health officer. Police Officer Merrill A. Stark was placed in charge by the village commissioners to see that all pedestrians and motorists are kept out of the district unless they pass through without stopping.

A child, four months old, Ernest LaFlam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward LaFlam of 4 Dummer avenue, died Friday, a few hours after Dr. Thomas Rice had been called to see him. Dr. Rice suspected diphtheria and sent a culture to the state laboratory of hygiene, but many of the neighbors already had called and had been exposed. Dr. Rice's suspicions were confirmed by a report by telephone from the state laboratory, which resulted in a decision to quarantine the whole district. Dr. Rice and Dr. Leach yesterday took about 200 cultures of persons who have been exposed and sent them to the laboratory.

**URGENT STUDENT CO-OPERATION.**

To Prevent Outbreak of Fire in Barre Buildings.

In his fire prevention talk before the pupils of Spaulding high school yesterday, Chief John Heney of the Barre fire department emphasized the necessity of each family making a check-up of its home before the first cold snap of the winter sets in and the heating apparatus has to be drafted into use. Chimneys are probably full of soot which should be removed and perhaps the furnace pipe which has been on duty for so long has some dangerous holes in it. He asked that the students take it upon themselves to look over their cellars, attics and closets, clearing out the year's accumulation of rubbish before a fire starts, and make a report of any noticeable hazard to the fire department.

Speaking of the fire losses throughout the United States, Chief Heney said: "The sum of fire loss has increased eight times since 1870 until to-day it amounts to \$485,000,000, of which a great percentage is due to carelessness. This is an annual loss of \$4.47 per capita for every man, woman and child in the country, while in Europe the average loss is only 33 cents per capita. The reason for this fact lies in the larger percentage of wooden houses in the United States and a greater feeling of thrift on the part of the Europeans. Mr. Heney went on further to say that fire law in this country will eventually fix the personal responsibility for fires upon the tenant as in France, where the citizen is made to pay for the fire department which saves his property. In other words America will penalize fire carelessness."

There is no denying the fact that 485 millions of fire loss is an economic drain upon the resources of the country and that it is largely responsible for raised rates and prices as well as being an impediment to national progress.

National fire prevention week is going big everywhere and Barre wants to be with the top notchers in the prevention issue.

**THE WALLIS-BARBER CASE.**

Was Given to Jury in Washington County Court.

The case of George Wallis vs. George Barber for damages alleged to have resulted from an automobile collision between cars driven by parties to the suit, went to the jury in Washington county court this afternoon. Arguments were given by J. Ward Carver for the defense and George L. Hunt for the plaintiff this morning. The jury which heard the case at the March term of court disagreed.

**NEITHER DRIVER HURT.**

But Both Cars Had to Be Towed to Garage.

A Ford coupe, registered under the name of Emilien St. Onge of Montpelier and driven by Robert E. O'Malley of the same city, collided with a Buick car owned and driven by George Young of Warren street, this city, late last night. The accident occurred at Dodge's crossing near the gypsy camp ground.

The Young car was proceeding toward Barre at a moderate rate of speed, but was unable to avoid being hit by the St. Onge car, which was traveling at a fast rate. Both cars were badly smashed and had to be towed to a local garage.

O'Malley, who procured his license to drive only a few days ago, admitted, it is said, that his speed was at least 25 miles an hour at the time the accident occurred. Neither driver was injured.

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**WORLD SERIES GAMES RECEIVED PLAY BY PLAY**

Play by play, the world series will be received over The Times special telegraph wire, beginning to-morrow. The listening will be broadcast in The Times' window. Telephone inquiries will be answered, locally or from a distance.

**BURGINS—LINCOLN.**

Pretty Church Wedding at West Topham Yesterday.

West Topham, Oct. 3.—One of the prettiest weddings which has occurred in town for many years was solemnized at the West Topham church on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when Miss Dorothy C. Lincoln became the bride of Ralph W. Burgin. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. J. Lehigh of the Barre Baptist church, the double ring service being used. The interior of the church, which is a gem of architectural beauty, was transformed into a bower of loveliness by the artistic use of autumn foliage and exquisite house plants.

The bride party entered the church as strains from Lohengrin's wedding march were played by John Lincoln, brother of the bride, on the cello and Mr. Alberta Fellows at the organ. After the ceremony, "Thou Art Like a Flower" was rendered.

The bride was very charming in a handsome gown of white silk with veil draped with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white flowers. The groom wore a tuxedo. The bridesmaids were Miss Helen Butler, a sister of the bride, who carried pink carnations, Ray Burgin, brother of the groom, was best man. Royal K. Dexter of Lowell, Mass., and Dr. J. A. Dow of this town were ushers.

Immediately after the ceremony congratulations were extended the happy couple by the large number of friends present.

The bride is a lady of charm and many lovely graces. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bourdais of Lynn, Mass., who have a summer home in town, where the family have spent many seasons. She is a graduate of New Hampton institute, New Hampshire, and has recently been employed as stenographer at J. R. Blood and company of Lynn, Mass.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Burgin of Topham and is associated with his father in the business of agriculture. He is a veteran of the World war, having been ten months in Camp Devens and served ten months overseas. He is a young man highly esteemed by all.

The couple left by auto on an extended wedding trip to Lake Champlain and northern New York, after which they will reside at the fine country home of the Burgins.

People from out of town present at the wedding were Mrs. Carl M. Hunt of Boston, Mrs. N. M. D. Batchelder of California, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Dexter of Lowell, Mass., and John W. Lincoln of Barre.

**GRANGER—COUTURE.**

Marriage Took Place at St. Sylvester's in Graniteville.

Miss Mary Couture, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Couture of Washington, and Adrian J. Granger, son of Joseph Granger of Berlin, were united in marriage at St. Sylvester's church, Graniteville, in the presence of relatives and immediate friends yesterday morning at 8 o'clock.

Rev. LaChance officiated and the single ring service was used. The bride was becomingly dressed in a gown of blue silk tulle trimmed with gold beads, and carried a bouquet of white flowers. Her sister, Miss Rachel Couture, whose dress was of yellow silk with hat to match. Homer J. Granger, brother of the groom, was best man.

Following the ceremony the company went to the home of the bride in Washington, where a reception was held. Gifts of linen, silver, glass, money, rugs and other useful household necessities were received by the couple. They left later in the day for Montreal, where they are to spend their honeymoon. Upon their return they will occupy the farm in Berlin recently purchased by Mr. Granger. Mrs. Granger has been employed as a domestic in Washington